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Welfare of Landless Agricultural Labourers
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Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a)whether as per 2011 Census, Andhra Pradesh is the third largest State in the country which has landless agricultural labourers to the tune of 1,69,67,754;
(b)if so, details thereof, State/UT-wise;
(c)the details of welfare schemes being implemented for these labourers with physical targets set and achieved during each of the last three years, scheme-wise and State/UT-wise;
(d)whether the Government is paying special attention on these labourers in the light of bifurcation of the State; and
(e)if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (IC) FOR LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT
(SHRI BANDARU DATTATREYA)

(a) & (b): A statement showing the State-wise data of landless agricultural workers as per Census 2011 is at Annexure-I.

(c) to (e): The Unorganised Workers' Social Security Act, 2008 has been enacted to provide for social security and welfare of the unorganised workers including landless agriculture workers. This Act stipulates formulation of suitable welfare schemes for unorganised workers on matters relating to: (i) life and disability cover, (ii) health and maternity benefits, (iii) old age protection and (iv) any other benefit as may be determined by the Central Government through the National Social Security Board. The welfare schemes to provide social security to unorganised workers including landless agricultural workers being implemented by various ministries/departments of Government of India across the country are listed in Schedule I of this Act as mentioned below:
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i. Indira Gandhi National Old Age Pension Scheme (Ministry of Rural Development);
ii. National Family Benefit Scheme (Ministry of Rural Development);
iii. Janani Suraksha Yojana (Ministry of Health and Family Welfare);
iv. Handloom Weavers' Comprehensive Welfare Scheme (Ministry of Textiles);
v. Handicraft Artisans' Comprehensive Welfare Scheme (Ministry of Textiles);
vi. Pension to Master Craft Persons (Ministry of Textiles);
vii. National Scheme for Welfare of Fishermen and Training and Extension (Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying & Fisheries);
viii. Aam Aadmi Bima Yojana (Department of Financial Services); and
ix. Rashtriya Swasthya Bima Yojana (Ministry of Health and Family Welfare).
Further, the Central Government has also launched the Atal Pension Yojana, Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana and Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana for all citizens especially targeting unorganised workers to provide them comprehensive social security. The number of workers availing the benefits under social security schemes is at Annexure II.

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